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1 SURVIVORS OF DUCK BOAT LEAVE HOSPITAL

The duck boat that sank in a Missouri lake last week, killing 17 people, was set to be raised on Monday and taken to a secure facility as part of a federal investigation into one of deadliest U.S. tourist accidents for years. The U.S. Coast Guard said on Sunday it will oversee the salvage operations for the amphibious vessel that was carrying 31 people when it went down on Thursday in a fierce and sudden storm on Table Rock Lake outside of the tourist destination of Branson. Seven of the 14 survivors were taken to a local hospital, and all but one had been discharged as of Sunday. That person is in good condition, a spokeswoman for the Cox Medical Center Branson hospital said. Two of the World War Two-style amphibious duck boat vehicles were out on the lake and headed back to shore when the storm struck, but only one made it. The dead were aged one to 70 and came from six U.S. states. Readings near Branson when the boat went down showed winds of up to 73 miles per hour (117 kph), two miles (3.2 km) shy of hurricane force, the National Transportation Safety Board said on Saturday.

2 MURDER SUSPECT IN LA STORE HOSTAGE NAMED

Los Angeles police named a 28-year-old man on Sunday as the suspect who took hostages and barricaded himself for three hours inside a Trader Joe's grocery store in which he fatally shot a woman. Gene Atkins is being held on a $2-million bail on suspicion of murder for Saturday's attacks, said Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Drake Madison. Atkins is likely to appear in court to be formally charged early this coming week, Madison added. Atkins is suspected of repeatedly having shot his grandmother and another woman in a separate part of the city before being chased by police and crashing his car outside the Trader Joe's, according to the police account. He exchanged gunfire with police and entered the crowded store, police said. Some people managed to escape the store by climbing through a window down a rope ladder, according to video footage. The stand-off came to an end after the gunman, who at one point was shot in the arm, talked with police over the phone to negotiate a surrender before emerging. The woman killed at the store was identified as Melyda Corado by relatives.

3 FRANCESCO MOLINARI WINS BRITISH OPEN

Italy's Francesco Molinari poses for pictures with the Claret Jug, the trophy for the Champion golfer of the year after winning the 147th Open Golf Championship at Carnoustie, Scotland, on Sunday. Molinari won the British Open by 2 shots after shooting a four-round total of 276, 8 under par.

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4 VIKINGS OL COACH TONY SPARANO DIES, 56

Minnesota Vikings offensive line coach Tony Sparano died on Sunday at the age of 56, the team announced. No details of the cause of death were given by the team, but ESPN's Chris Mortenson says Sparano had gone to the hospital with chest pains on Thursday and was released on Friday. Sparano's wife found him unconscious in their kitchen as the couple were about to leave for church, Mortenson reported. She tried giving him CPR, but failed to revive him. "Our hearts go out to Jeanette and the entire Sparano family as we all mourn the loss of Tony," Mark and Zygi Wilf, the Vikings owners, said in a statement. "Tony was a passionate and driven individual who cared deeply about his family, and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Tony's presence within the Vikings organization will be deeply missed. We are only thinking of Tony's family during this incredibly difficult time. We ask that the entire NFL and Vikings family keep the Sparanos in their thoughts." Sparano, the former Miami Dolphins head coach, joined the Vikings in 2016. He went 32-41 in parts of five seasons as an NFL head coach.

5 MAG 5.9 QUAKE INJURES NEARLY 290 IN IRAN

A magnitude 5.9 earthquake hit western Iran on Sunday, injuring at least 287 people, hours after two quakes struck Hormozgan province in the south, the official Iranian news agency IRNA reported. Houshang Bazvand, governor of the affected province of Kermanshah, told IRNA that eight of the injured had been hospitalized and the rest were released after treatment. State media said the two earlier earthquakes, with magnitudes of 4.7 and 5.7, had damaged buildings in a few villages without causing casualties. Morteza Salimi, head of rescue at Iran's Red Crescent, said damage from the two earlier quakes appeared to be light. "Reports indicate that some walls have collapsed, but extensive damage has not been reported," Salimi told IRNA. Iran is crisscrossed by major geological fault lines and has suffered several devastating earthquakes in recent years. Last November, a magnitude 7.3 earthquake hit western Kermanshah province, killing at least 620 people and injuring thousands.

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Protests planned as Mike Pence visits Philly

The vice president will draw protests to Center City during his campaign visit in the city.

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President Donald Trump's right-hand man, Vice President Mike Pence, will be in Philadelphia this week to support the campaign of GOP candidate for U.S. Senate Lou Barletta. In heavily progressive Philadelphia, that means it is time for a protest.

A protest of Pence's campaign event at the Union League Club in Center City are planned to gather from noon to 3 p.m. on the South Plaza of City Hall by the Octavius Catto statue, just a few blocks north of the club, on Monday.

Barletta, a U.S. Representative from Pennsylvania's 11th District, has gotten strong support already from Trump for his campaign to unseat incumbent U.S. Sen. Bob Casey. But Casey is reported to have stronger name recognition among voters, along with some $10 million in his campaign fund, compared to around $1.3 million for Barletta. But protest organizers are still steaming mad.

"While they try to raise big dollars inside, we need to turn out in big numbers outside to send them a message — it's time for Pence and Barletta to go!" said organizers from various Democratic Party-affiliated groups organizing the event, including Indivisible Philly and Tuesdays with Toomey.

> **"It's time for Pence and Barletta to go!"**
> Organizers from various Democratic Party-affiliated groups organizing the event

Donors are reportedly being asked to pay $1,000 to $10,000 per ticket to get in Pence's event, WHYY reported. Barletta is expected to raise some $300,000 to $400,000 at the Union League event.

After supporting Barletta's campaign, Pence will be traveling a few blocks over to the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown for a 1:45 p.m. talk before the "America's First Policies" group about Trump's tax cut plan.

Pence was last in Philadelphia in June to support the campaign of GOP candidate for governor Scott Wagner during an event also held at the Union League. Massive protests on Broad caused traffic jams for blocks around.

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Sergey Kovalev defends his WBO light heavyweight championship against Eleider Alvarez at the Hard Rock.
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Looking for a fight?

Legendary boxing guy Bernie Dillon puts himself in the ring for AC's first major fight in four years. Can he make it last?

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Bernie Dillon is the new Hard Rock in Atlantic City's VP of Entertainment, responsible for bringing Amy Schumer in September and Elvis Costello in November to the casino-hotel's Etess Arena.

But, on Aug. 4, he's bringing his first love back to center stage — hopefully, for good — when Sergey Kovalev defends his WBO light heavyweight championship against Eleider Alvarez at the Hard Rock's 6,000-seat Etess Arena. Not only is it the first major boxing event in Atlantic City in four years, HBO will be on hand to televise the Kovalev-Alvarez bout, live.

There is much to unpack here; in relation to the main event itself (Kovalev is an AC fave, having fought along the Jersey shore four times), but, mostly, in regard to Dillon, with whom Atlantic City casino boxing's history is irrefutably tied up. He all but invented the fight game in AC at the start of the casino era, first for Caesars, then for Trump Plaza where he worked with boxing's golden generation greats (Don King, Oscar de la Hoya, Mike Tyson).

"Boxing played well in casinos. In fact, boxing's the one professional sport we could claim as our own franchise."

Bernie Dillon

When the then-burgeoning HBO started its pay-per-view system, TVKO, Dillon helped them start it. After pushing Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) mixed martial arts to prominence, and working with Carnival Cruise Lines, Dillon joined the Hard Rock team for their Hollywood, FL operations before heading back home to Atlantic City. He's been away from AC for 15 years, watching the boxing game go to hell from its own maddening excesses, and his birthplace deal with sad, economic difficulties — until now.

"I was getting out of Montclair State University in 1978 when the casino industry was launching here," said Dillon, the ultimate Jersey Boy, born in Atlantic City Hospital. "I got a job at Caesars out of college, staff assistant to the VP of operations, where I did everything. I was a young guy with energy and common sense who was able to get things done." What Dillon got done was to help bring major event boxing to AC in a big way; inspired by how Caesars Palace was the first casino in Vegas to promote boxing starting in the 1960s, and how creatively it celebrated its star-shine into the 1970s.

"I liked boxing in AC's casinos because it worked," said Dillon, with a laugh. "I was a big fan to begin with, when you could see guys like Ali, Frazier and Foreman, all on network TV for free. Boxing played well in casinos. In fact, boxing's the one professional sport we could claim as our own franchise."

Between Vegas and AC, from 1978 on, any big fight worth its' muscle happened in one of their casinos. "Customers who liked to be mano a mano against us at the craps table; that's what you see when these guys stepped into the ring," claimed Dillon, loftily. "And there's nothing like the electricity of a ring walk when two fighters enter to their own music, and march around like gladiators. I don't want to be too dramatic but … it really is something."

There is a lot riding on this Aug. 4 bout. It is the first and only boxing match on the Hard Rock docket (there are five MMA Pro League events at the E-Arena through 2018). "The idea behind my position is to drive customers to the Hard Rock, to do more than gamble," said Dillon. "As for where boxing stands at the Hard Rock, ask me on Aug. 5."

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Regenerative development expert to speak in Philly

Carol Sanford is to speak to Philadelphia entrepreneurs and business leaders about how they can bring sustainability principles into practice.

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"Redesign work, cultivate human potential, achieve extraordinary outcomes," is the subtitle of sustainable business thought-leader Carol Sanford's newest book, "The Regenerative Business." Sanford has consulted for corporations ranging from Google, Intel and DuPont to Seventh Generation, a growing recycled-paper products company.

But in her vision, sustainability for businesses has implications beyond just businesses, but also for the rest of the planet.

"Although Carol often works with fairly big corporations, the content of this is relevant to startsups, it's relevant to nonprofits and for-profits, it's relevant to mid-size and huge organizations," said Max Zahniser, a cofounder of the Sustainability Nexus, which has organized a series of Urban Regeneration Forums to bring regenerative ideas into the Philadelphia dialogue around sustainability.

Sanford will be in Philadelphia on July 24 for a free talk at CityCoHo as part of Sustainability Nexus' regenerative offerings, which at past forums has focused on applying regeneration to development and built environments, as well as on climate resiliency. Previously the author of "The Responsible Business" and "The Responsible Entrepreneur," she is considered a leader in the sphere of regenerative thinking and innovative, disruptive businesses.

Regenerative thinking applies to businesses by recognizing the activity of an organization and its members as a living organism that is part of a larger living system. The ideas apply to how managers and employees work together, how a business affects the world around it, and also lead to broader engagement with topics like climate change, water and food stability, and human self-determination and development.

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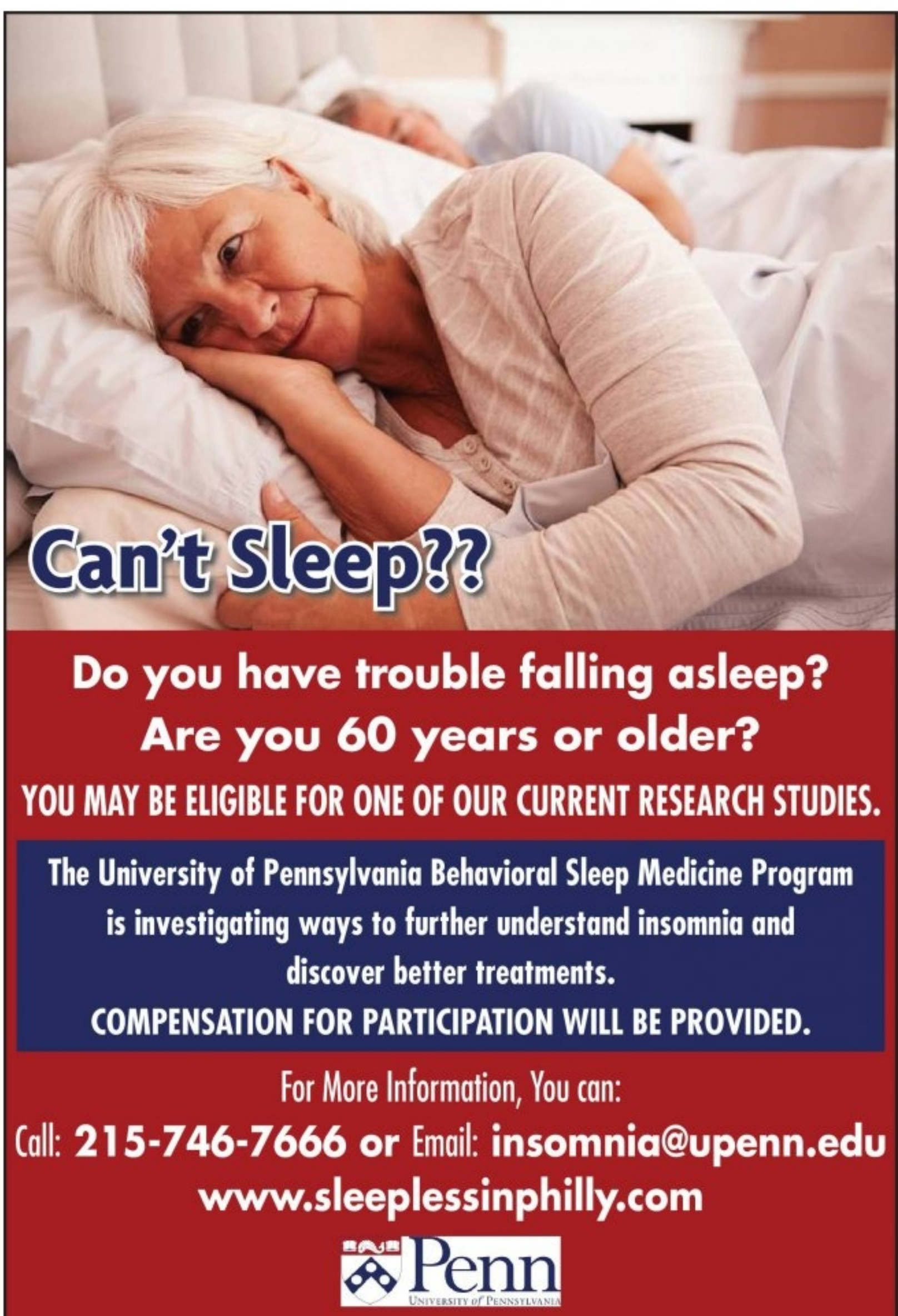
around it perform more competitively, reports Sanford's organization, the Carol Sanford Institute.

After working with large corporate clients to reconceptualize the various roles within a company, they've reported a systemwide productivity increase of 45 percent, a 20 percent drop in operating costs and even better market share – all while emphasizing "organic evolvement toward managing environmental and social accountability."

"Sometimes it's this really interesting revelation to people to think about companies as living systems," Zahniser said. Sometimes people say, 'the regenerative business, that probably doesn't apply to me.' It probably does, actually. It's really any community of humans and actually even beyond that."

To learn more and RSVP to Sanford's talk, visit the Sustainability Nexus on Facebook or visit CityCoHo.com.

Carol Sanford, an expert in sustainable and regenerative business practices, will speak at a forum held by Philly Nexus. PROVIDED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Jay-Z bashes Philly for proposed Made in America boot

News that Jay-Z's signature Made in America festival in Philly might get kicked off the Parkway ticked off the rapper and entrepreneur.

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Brooklyn native and rap legend Jay-Z GETTY IMAGES

Jay-Z called foul on Philly in a recent op-ed in the Philadelphia Inquirer, saying he was blindsided by learning that Made in America — the massively popular annual end-of-summer festival that the mogul organizes — is going to get kicked off the Parkway, its venue for the past six years.

"We are disappointed that the Mayor of the city of Philadelphia would evict us from the heart of the city, through a media outlet, without a sit-down meeting, notice, dialogue, or proper communication," Jay-Z wrote in the piece, saying he found out from a Billy Penn article that the festival was not set to return to the Parkway after the upcoming Sept. 1-2 festival, which will feature headliners

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Jay-Z claimed the city even sent legal papers trying to shut down this summer's Made in America festival, which will be the last to be held on the Parkway, due to the traffic congestion and other issues it causes, the city recently told BillyPenn.com.

"It signifies zero appreciation for what Made In America has built alongside the phenomenal citizens of this city," Jay-Z wrote. "In fact, this administration immediately greeted us with a legal letter trying to stop the 2018 event."

Not true, Mayor Jim Kenney responded. He told TechBook Online, "I love Jay-Z," and claimed the city informed Live Nation back in April that they were reconsidering the festival's location and got a response "without complaint."

That letter was based on a study which found that Made in America and other recent large-scale events — the NFL draft, the World Meeting of Families, a Barack Obama pro-Hillary Clinton rally — were having a high cost on the city and detrimental impact on nearby neighborhoods.

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Jay-Z

"The City of Philadelphia supports the Made in America festival and is greatly appreciative of all that it has done for Philadelphia. We are committed to its continued success and thank them for their partnership," a Kenney spokesperson said in a statement. "We hope to be able to resolve what has been an unfortunate misunderstanding. We are working with Roc Nation and Live Nation to resolve this issue and we are committed to continuing our partnership with the Made in America festival."

But Jay-Z is still steaming mad. He called the festival "one of the only minority-owned music festivals" and said it brought a $102.8 million economic impact to the city, while paying $3.4 million in rent a year, employing 1,000 Philadelphians per day, while 85 percent of the festival's contractors are Philadelphia-based companies.

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Trump says his campaign was spied upon illegally, offers no evidence

Documents showed the FBI requesting surveillance of Carter Page.

President Donald Trump said on Sunday that documents released by the FBI relating to a former adviser's ties to Russia showed that his campaign for the 2016 presidential election had been illegally spied upon by U.S. law enforcement, but offered no evidence to support his assertion.

In a series of Twitter posts, Trump also accused the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice of misleading the courts during a probe of Russian interference in the election, but did not elaborate.

The FBI documents released on Saturday showed how in 2016 the bureau requested surveillance of the former Trump campaign adviser, Carter Page, as part of that investigation, saying the bureau believed he had been collaborating with the Russian government.

"Republicans must get tough now. An illegal Scam!"
Donald Trump

"Looking more & more like the Trump Campaign for President was illegally being spied upon [surveillance] for the political gain of Crooked Hillary Clinton and the DNC," Trump wrote on Twitter, referring to the Democratic National Committee. "Republicans must get tough now. An illegal Scam!"

A White House spokeswoman referred questions on why Trump believed the documents proved the FBI and DOJ demonstrated illegal conduct or were misleading courts to Trump's personal counsel. His lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, did not respond to a request for comment.

The DOJ did not immediately respond to requests to comment on Trump's allegation. The FBI declined to comment.

Page told CNN on Sunday he was never an agent of a foreign power, and that the documents overstated his ties to Russia. Page could not immediately be reached for comment by Reuters.

A spokesman for Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who is now leading the probe into Russia's interference in the 2016 election, declined to comment on the president's tweets.

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Trump has repeatedly criticized U.S. law enforcement agencies that are investigating allegations of Russian meddling in the vote, and he has insisted there was no collusion with members of his campaign. Russia denies any interference.

Trump's statements on Twitter followed sharp criticism, including from some Republicans, of his meeting in Finland last week with Russian President Vladimir Putin. At a joint news conference, Trump failed to confront the Russian leader over Moscow's alleged election interference and appeared to side with the Kremlin over U.S. intelligence agencies.

The 412 pages of heavily redacted documents released on Saturday by the FBI included surveillance applications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and warrants surrounding the investigation into Page. They included an initial application and requests for renewals that were filed in 2017, after Trump took office.

"The FBI believes that Page has been collaborating and conspiring with the Russian Government," the surveillance application filed in October 2016 said.

Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

In addition, the documents said "the FBI believes that the Russian Government's efforts are being coordinated with Page and perhaps other individuals associated with" Trump's campaign, and that Page "has established relationships with Russian Government officials, including Russian intelligence officers."

Page has denied being an agent of the Russian government and has not been charged with any crime.

Referring to the Page documents, Trump tweeted on Sunday: "As usual they are ridiculously heavily redacted but confirm with little doubt that the Department of "Justice" and FBI misled the courts. Witch Hunt Rigged, a Scam!"

Some Republican lawmakers have contended that the FBI made serious missteps when it sought a warrant to monitor Page in October 2016 shortly after he left the Trump campaign.

On CNN's "State of the Union" on Sunday, Page called the documents a "complete joke" and insisted they overstated his relationships with the Russian government.

"I've never been an agent of a foreign power by any stretch of the imagination," Page told CNN. "I've never been anywhere near what's being described here."

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On last Thursday's Grumble, I asked you to send me some advice on how to cut down on using social media and your responses did not disappoint! Here are two of the best Grumbles that we received.

READER WRITE-INS:

HOW TO UNPLUG
Find a significant other, and then DO NOT move in with them. Between work, date nights, transit to see each other, spending time with each other, and texting while your apart, you'll find all of your hobbies and preferred time wasters are suddenly pressed for time. Your subconscious will begin prioritizing your time and ditching a lot of the waste.

Alternatively, I have a buddy who deliberately gets up an hour earlier than necessary, to get to the office an hour earlier than necessary, in order to get all his social media nonsense out before 7 A.M. Oh yeah, finally, on the train - put the phone down, and read the Metro!
- **Matthew Nassif,** *Metro US reader*

SOCIAL MEDIA FATIGUE!
I already knew I didn't want to be a phone zombie so I created only one social media account. Sometimes I just go on it once a week or sometimes I don't even touch it in four months. I especially don't go on it during the weekend. I just keep telling myself what would be so important that I have to keep looking at my social media. Nothing really. If we didn't have it before to keep in contact with people or to read feeds of stories; we don't need it now for our daily life. There is more to life than looking at what people are doing on social media. Read a book(I don't see that much anymore) or just get out and hang out with friends and family.
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Taurus A change of plans may take you by surprise. Use intelligence instead of anger to find alternatives or solutions that will make the situation better.

Gemini Look at your options. study the best way to take advantage of what you are faced with. Don't be too quick to make a change.

Cancer Personal improvements can be made. Domestic or physical changes that will improve your life should be initiated. Reconnect with old friends.

Leo Dealing with someone you are in a joint venture with should be handled carefully. Listen and discuss the ups and downs of any decision that needs to be made.

Virgo A pragmatic approach when dealing with friends or associates will be required. Don't let personal emotional issues infiltrate into your goals.

Libra Quickly clear up any medical matter, financial, institutional or governmental issue, that's pending. Someone close to you is keeping a secret or may be ready to reveal one of yours.

Scorpio Be the solution, not the problem. Offer to help or take over and get things done your way. Be creative, and you will solve any challenge that comes your way.

Sagittarius Keep an open mind when dealing with peers or family. Knowing what you are up against will make it easier to understand all sides of an issue. Talks will lead to resolutions.

Capricorn Leave well enough alone when dealing with sensitive issues. Look inward and work on matters that will make your life better instead of trying to change someone else's.

Aquarius Take care of business. Whether dealing with a partnership issue or putting your heart and soul into doing the best job possible, your passionate approach will be rewarded.

Pisces Use insight and incentives when dealing with others, and it will be easier for you to get around any obstacles or opposition you face. Keep your emotions well hidden. EUGENIA LAST

LIFESTYLE

Iliza Shlesinger on Robin Williams' legacy and being an 'Elder Millennial'

The comedian talks her latest Netflix special and where all the voices come from.

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Within the first five minutes of "Elder Millennial," Iliza Shlesinger's latest comedy special, which streams Tuesday on Netflix, the 35-year-old comic uses just as many voices, characters and contortions to tell a story.

The story itself, which concerns her engagement, is quickly subsumed by the comedian's performance, leaving the audience none the wiser (and for the better).

"The only way to tell those stories is to become them," Shlesinger explains. "I see them so vividly in my head, and when I tell them the voices come out, the body movements come out. I just want to pull the audience into that picture in my mind. I feel like I'm trapped sometimes, and I just want to say, 'Can't you see what I see?'

"It just feels so natural, trying to pull them into my brain and wanting them to experience it."

Shlesinger, the 2008 winner of NBC's reality competition "Last Comic Standing," has made a name for herself on Netflix, where her first special, "War Paint" debuted in 2013. Since then her profile in the stand-up world (and beyond) has exploded, thereby exposing her many voices and characters to as many eyeballs and eardrums as possible.

Yet the global fame hasn't fazed Shlesinger, even whenever anyone compares her stage presence to that of the late Robin Williams.

"There's no higher compliment than being compared to a genius like Robin Williams. I think to be a comedian that's living and breathing now, you couldn't have grown

Iliza Shlesinger's new special debuts on Netflix this week. NETFLIX

up without watching him. To cite him specifically as an influence, however," she cautions, "I couldn't say that I would do that. For me, it was more sketch comedy like 'In Living Color' and 'Saturday Night Live.'"

"Of course, we watched all of his great movies. 'Mrs. Doubtfire' comes to mind in terms of characters and things like that," Shlesinger continues. "I wouldn't cite him as a specific influence, but subversively, he was always in the ether. We all have our own way of storytelling, our own presence on stage.

"If you look at someone like Steven Wright, who is the best at standing still and speaking softly, he's brilliant at it. At the other end of the spectrum, you have people like Robin, who keep moving around, sweating and drinking all the water."

Based on her performance in "Elder Millennial," Shlesinger definitely leans much further toward the Williams end of the spectrum.

"Elder Millennial" debuts July 24 on Netflix.

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Raphael Saadiq on being a musical *'chameleon'*

The acclaimed musician performs in Philly this week.

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When Raphael Saadiq plays Union Transfer on July 24 with A Tribe Called Quest co-founder Ali Shaheed Muhammad, a history lesson will unfold of R&B modern and ancient, of the roots of hip-hop, of Saadiq's own career which commenced at the end of the sleek soul '80s and continues today.

The singer, songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist ("bass is my thing, though," he says proudly) has been busy as-of-late, producing the smash-hit likes of Solange's "A Seat at the Table" and Usher's "Hard II Love," writing and conducting for Mary J. Blige's Oscar-nominated songs from "Mudbound," and playing bass on the new Justin Timberlake "Man of the Woods" LP. To do that, Saadiq took a small break from a solo career of innovative retro-but-modern albums such as the hard Motown-ish "In-

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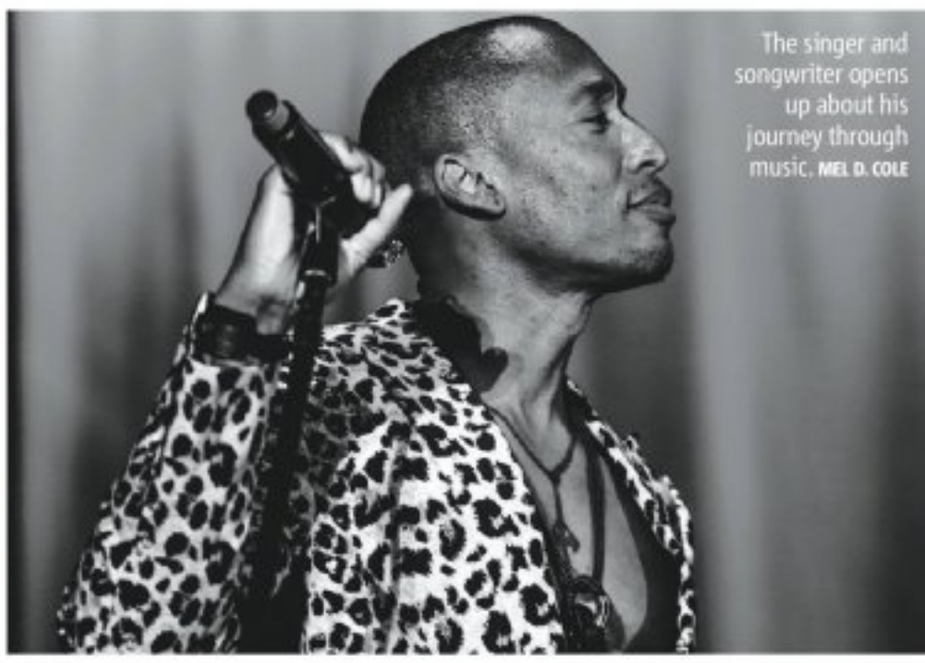
The singer and songwriter opens up about his journey through music. MEL D. COLE

stant Vintage" and "The Way I See It," the creamily cinematic "Ray Ray," and the gritty, psychedelic funk-meets-Sound of Philadelphia inspired "Stone Rollin'."

Considering that sonic trajectory, what does Saddiq think that says about him as an artist, especially since he has a new album that he's releasing soon?

"I did have time to sit back and process all the albums you just mentioned, and looking back through my career — even as a producer — I am a person who just can't stand still," he says. "I like change, I like a lot of different music and experimenting with different sounds. Maybe I'm a chameleon. Maybe the challenge for my audience is will they stay or will they walk away?"

Saadiq talks of heading exclusively into production as a focused and necessary job — both for those he's teamed with and himself. Producing someone else's music keeps him fresh. It makes him useful and productive in the broader artistic community. "I've always said that music is like basketball or whatever sport you choose: You should be able to play every position."

Saadiq also changed his focus when his father died and his aging mother needing looking after. He made changes in his management. "The last few years were a time of transition, and I wanted to spend time with my family, and expand my horizons into film and television."

Blige was a huge part of that leap, as she called upon her old friend ("We know each other for a minute, yeah, and we have similar tragic circumstances in our lives," says Saadiq) to guide her through the opulent organic R&B sounds of "Mudbound," the Academy Award-nominated film to which she and her producer penned the theme songs. "We made a great team."

Saadiq also shared great teamwork with Solange, whose "A Seat at the Table," was a top-selling, inventive modern soul masterpiece, "She's got a lot going on in her head being an extremely talented artist, being Beyonce's sister and getting her own thing together," says Saadiq. "As she was going through personal and professional changes, so was I. I'm a great listener. We went through those changes together and were open to how the other works."

"Maybe the challenge for my audience is will they stay or will they walk away?"

As for his own new music, it provides him with an opportunity to catch up with himself and what he's done as an influencer on the world of modern R&B. Saddiq recalls how "back in the day," he was attempting to fuse hip hop with R&B. "No MCs wanted a piece of that then," he laughs.

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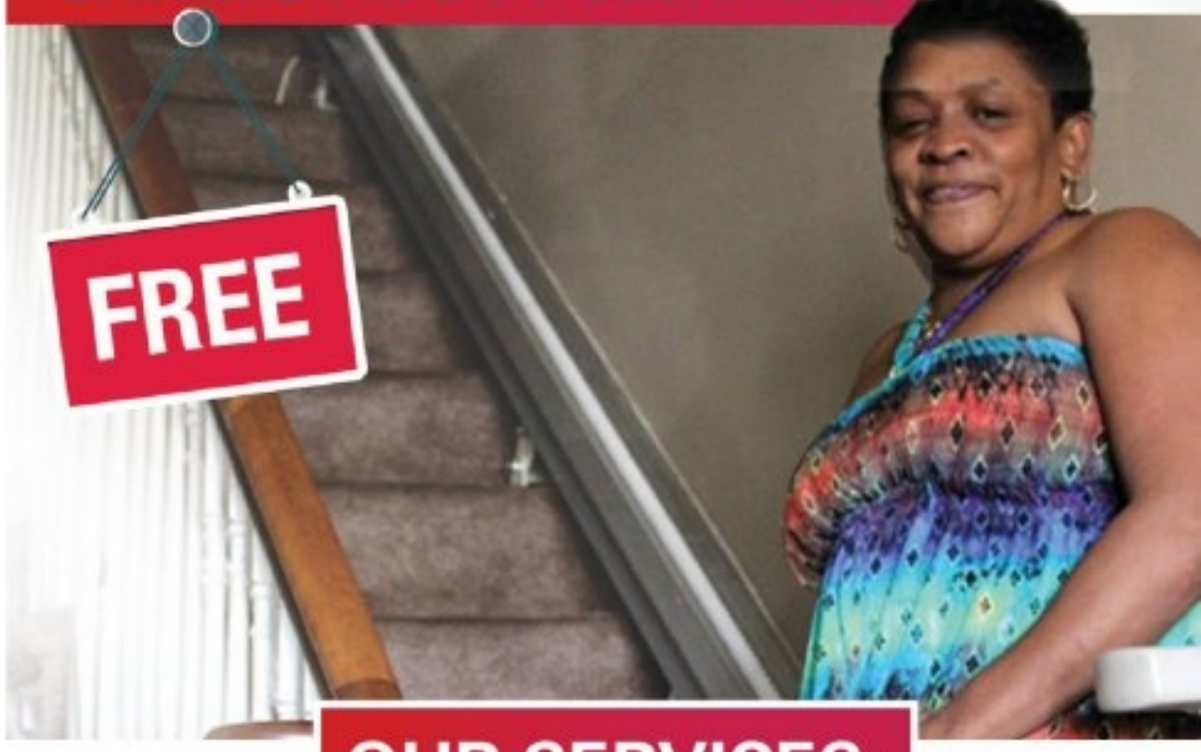
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Eagles camp preview: Receiver

WR unit one of the strengths for Eagles last season.

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In part three of this series, we will evaluate the wide receiver unit, which has become a strength for the Eagles.

Alshon Jeffery came up huge for the Eagles in the postseason. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Alshon Jeffery

Last season, Jeffery had 57 receptions on 120 targets for 789 yards and nine touchdowns. It was a bounce-back year for Jeffery, who had a total six touchdowns in the previous two seasons with Chicago.

Jeffery continued his stellar play in the playoffs, coming up huge in the NFC Championship Game and Super Bowl 52. In both of those games combined, the 6-foot-3 wideout had eight receptions for 158 yards and three touchdowns.

Mike Wallace

After trading Torrey Smith earlier in the offseason to the Carolina Panthers, the Eagles needed another speedy wide receiver. This is where Mike Wallace came into play.

Over the last 5-7 years, the Eagles love having fast wide receivers, who are threats to go deep at any moment in the game. Wallace fits that exact mold of what the Eagles are looking for.

Last season with the Baltimore Ravens, Wallace had a solid year with 52 receptions on 92 targets for 748 yards and four touchdowns.

However, the Eagles are hoping that Wallace can turn back the clock to 2016, where he had over 1,000 receiving yards.

Nelson Agholor

There was a lot of pressure on Agholor coming into last season. The former first-round pick had a disappointing 2016 campaign and desperately needed a great season.

To everybody's surprise, he did have a great season and did it while playing as the slot wide receiver in the Eagles' offense. Agholor flourished in his new role and had a career-high 62 receptions on 92 targets for 768 yards and eight touchdowns.

Think about this, Agholor had a better than season than both Dez Bryant and Amari Cooper, which is downright impressive.

If he can have another good season in the slot, expect a contract extension coming Agholor's way in the near future.

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Philippe Myers just completed his fourth Development Camp with the Flyers. GETTY IMAGES

Myers focused on making Flyers roster

The 20-year-old prospect is doing and saying all the right things.

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Philippe Myers knows from experience that he needs to walk a fine line.

On one hand, the shutdown defenseman wants to break training camp this fall with the Flyers. On the other, he doesn't want to obsess too much with the opportunity to the point it disrupts his focus and, ultimately, performance.

"I'm coming into training camp [in September] to stay and make the team," said Myers, who completed his fourth and final Development Camp with the Flyers earlier this month. "That is my goal for next year. This summer is huge for me and I am going to get stronger and strengthen up.

"I want to work on my weaker areas and come into training camp and give it everything I've got. I want to stay here in Philly."

Ah, but therein lies the pitfall.

After spending four years in junior hockey and just one step away from achieving his dream to play in the NHL last year, he worried too much about getting promoted to the Flyers from the Lehigh Valley Phantoms and his play suffered due to it.

However, he recalibrated his entire approach midway through the season, recovered from some injuries, and finished with a flurry.

Call it a lesson learned.

"I was thinking too much about that," Myers said. "I had to focus on myself and what I needed to do to get better, instead of focusing on all that other stuff. It's just a distraction and nothing good can come of it. I think the best thing to do is ignore that stuff and focus on yourself."

In his first year with the Phantoms, Myers finished with five goals, 16 assists, and a plus-12 in 50 regular season games. In 13 playoff games, he had seven points.

"I think my mental side of the game was so much better in the second half," Myers said. "I wasn't thinking out there, I was just reacting – and that is when you play your best hockey."

Myers must also walk a fine line with adding weight and muscle this offseason. He wants to bulk up, but not to the point where he would lose some speed.

Philippe Myers, who is 6-foot-5, said he gained eight pounds since the end of the Phantoms' season and is at 220 pounds. He wouldn't mind packing on five more – but he needs to do it the right way.

"I am getting heavier, but I want to put the right weight on," Myers said. "It's all about getting stronger and bigger."

It's a tightrope, physically and mentally, he is trying to master this season. If he accomplishes it and picks up where he left off last season with his play, Myers will likely be wearing a Flyers jersey this season.

"It's just I want to get better every day and work my butt off," Myers said. "I feel if you do that and keep the right attitude, you will get to the NHL, for sure."

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Myers finished with 16 assists, five goals and a plus-12 in 50 regular season games in his first year with the Phantoms.

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SIXERS SHOULD BE FINE WITHOUT KAWHI

OPINION

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Kawhi Leonard will play next season in Toronto. GETTY IMAGES

The NBA world was sent into a frenzy last week due to another seismic shift between the Eastern and the Western conferences. The Spurs traded disgruntled superstar Kawhi Leonard and guard Danny Green to the Toronto Raptors for DeMar DeRozan, Jakob Poelt, and a protected 2019 first-round pick, according to ESPN. The trade came out of left field as the Raptors weren't viewed as a logical option for Leonard until later in the sweepstakes.

For most of the summer, we heard that the Lakers, Clippers, 76ers and to a lesser extent the Celtics were all interested in acquiring one of the game's best two-way players.

It was initially reported that the Spurs wanted an exorbitant amount of young players plus picks in exchange for Leonard.

None of these teams, including the Sixers, were willing to trade away their future for a player, who is considered to be a one-year rental this upcoming season.

Sticking with the Sixers, it seemed like if Leonard were to be traded to a team in the East it would be them. And maybe there would have been a chance Leonard re-signed with Philadelphia long-term.

Obviously, that was not in the cards for the Sixers and that is perfectly fine. It is all about the long-term success for Philadelphia, not the "let us go win a championship now" mode. But for some die-hard Sixers fans, it is still a tough pill to swallow that Leonard will be playing in the East this upcoming season.

Last month, fans got caught up on head coach Brett Brown saying a day after the NBA Draft that the team was "star-hunting." Once Brown said those words, the expectation was set that the Sixers had to grab a star this offseason.

There were two stars, in particular, that were on the Sixers' radar and they go by the names of LeBron James and Leonard.

Even though Philadelphia did not get either of those guys, they are still in great shape to make some noise in the East.

Late last month, it was reported that the Sixers "held internal discussions" about giving up Dario Saric, Robert Covington, and a future first-round pick in a trade for Leonard, but not Markelle Fultz.

Let us just say the trade came together and worked out.

In the short-term, Philadelphia would be the top team in the East with a formidable trio of Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons, and Leonard. On the other hand, they lose key pieces to their core that all do things extremely well.

Again, it is about the process and building this team into a championship contender for years to come. Leonard does not guarantee long-term success because he will want to test free agency next summer.

This is the problem that the Raptors and their general manager Masai Ujiri face. They have to convince Leonard, who reportedly wasn't happy about being traded to Toronto, to consider staying long-term.

Leonard will likely be out next season and Toronto will be left picking up the pieces.

This means that Toronto will have a significant drop-off in the next few years and will be in rebuilding mode. If that's the case, then the Sixers' road to winning the East gets that much easier and only the Boston Celtics stand in their way.

The Sixers are in a great spot to do big things in the East and have the pieces to do it.

Despite not landing their star this summer, they can still get Leonard or maybe someone else next summer. The sky is not falling Sixers fans and the offseason was not a disappointment.

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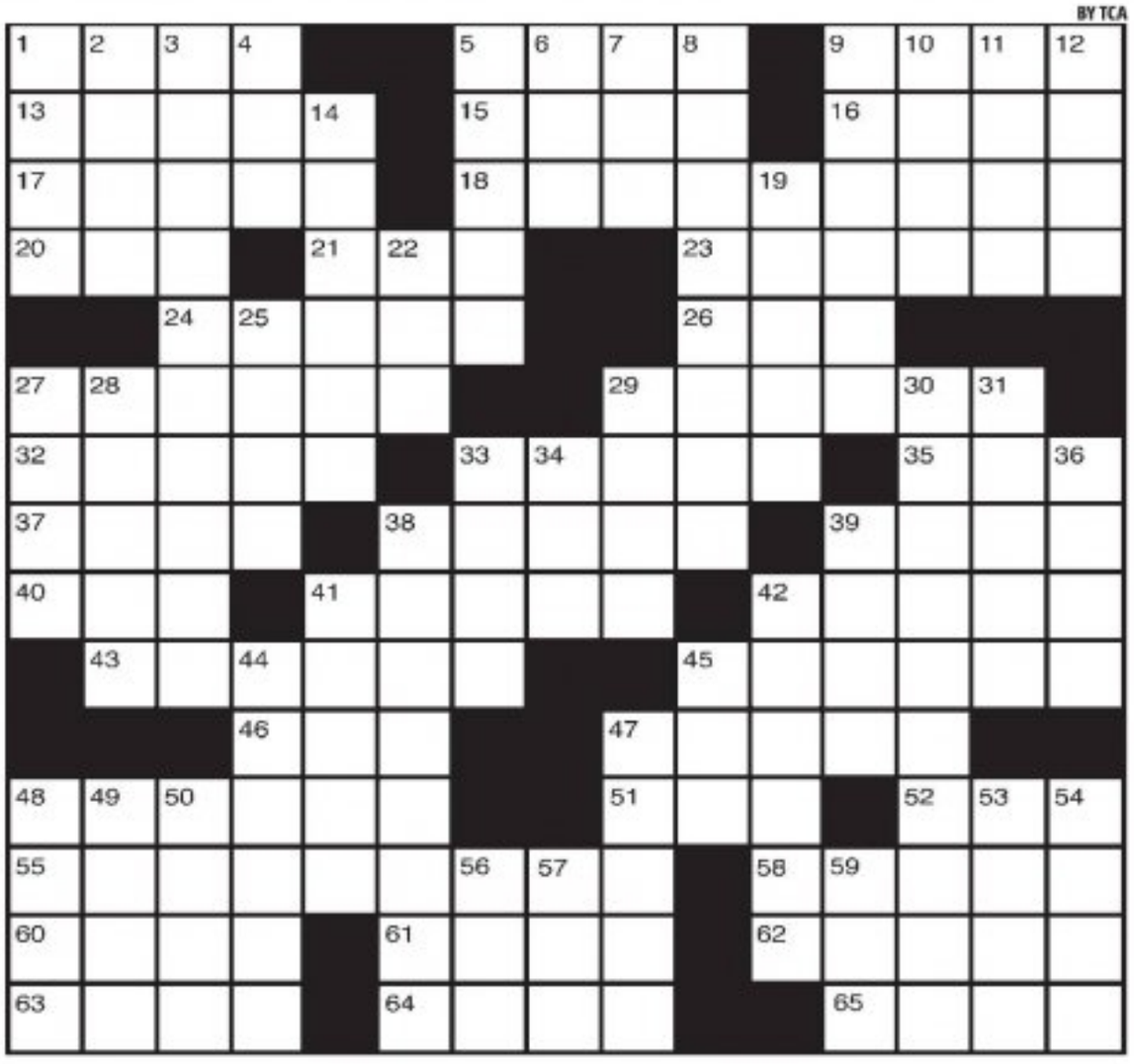

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ACROSS

1 Pres. William Howard __
5 Stubborn animal
9 Word attached to stick or happy
13 Lubricated
15 Come __; find
16 Bagel's center
17 Piece of grass
18 Deliberately ruins another's plans
20 Suffix for lion or govern
21 Actor's signal
23 Most unusual
24 Stacks
26 Initials for Coretta's hubby
27 Crab Louie & coleslaw
29 Afternoon rest
32 Cream of the crop
33 Shoelace woes
35 Rip off
37 Big __; 18-wheelers
38 Crazy
39 Show courage
40 "Nonsense!"
41 Fruit __; colorful cold cereal
42 Sulks
43 __ out; batted unsuccessfully
45 Fragrances
46 __ roll; winning and winning
47 "Carmen" or "Rigoletto"
48 Worldwide
51 Pop singer Bobby
52 __ for tat
55 __ in; enjoy the richness of
58 Not savvy
60 Generations
61 Look-alike
62 S, M, L and XL
63 Car ding
64 Strong urges
65 State of disarray

DOWN

1 "Who Wants __ a Millionaire"
2 Feels miserable
3 Brit's "torch"
4 One of the Kennedys
5 Contemplates
6 __ tree; cornered
7 Bowl clumsily
8 Hugeness
9 Ocean dangers
10 Theater box
11 Pub drinks
12 Nuisance
14 Ten-year period
19 Yarns
22 FedEx competitor
25 Dines
27 Many a Belgrade resident
28 Word on a wanted poster
29 Offspring
30 Put through a terrible ordeal
31 Vital artery
33 Nutcase
34 KLM followers
36 Mrs. Truman
38 Place
39 Entryway
41 Of the moon
42 Primps
44 Hearty
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